

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled)

6. (New) A method of controlling drilling fluid pressure during drilling offshore, where drilling fluid is pumped down into a borehole (15) and then flows back to a drilling rig (1) via the lined and/or unlined sections of the borehole (15) and a liner (14), and where the drilling fluid pressure is controlled by utilizing a pump (20) to pump drilling fluid out of the liner (14) near the seabed, and where the annulus (30) of the liner (14) above the drilling fluid is filled with a riser fluid having a density which is lower than that of the drilling fluid, characterized in that level of the interface between the drilling fluid and the riser fluid is regulated by adjusting the inlet pressure of the pump (20).
7. (New) A method in accordance with Claim 6, characterized in that the volume of riser fluid flowing into and out of the annulus (30) is monitored.
8. (New) A method in accordance with Claim 7, characterized in that the volume of drilling fluid and riser fluid flowing into and out of the annulus (30) is compared with the drilling fluid volume being introduced into the borehole (15) via a drill string (16).
9. (New) A device for controlling drilling fluid pressure during drilling offshore, where drilling fluid is pumped down into a borehole (15) and then flows back to a drilling rig (1) via the lined and/or unlined sections of the borehole (15) and a liner (14), and where the drilling fluid pressure is controlled by utilizing a pump (20) to pump drilling fluid out of the liner (14) near the seabed, and where the annulus (30) of the liner (14) above the drilling fluid is filled with a riser fluid having a density which is lower than that of the drilling fluid, characterized in that the inlet pressure of the pump (20) is adjustable.

10. (New) A device in accordance with Claim 9, characterized in that the annulus (30) communicates with a tank (26) on the drilling rig (1) by means of a connecting pipe (28), the connecting pipe (28) being fitted with volume measuring equipment.